

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GLENN ROUSH**, on January 10, 2005 at 3:01 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Glenn Roush, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Greg Lind (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Ken Toole (D)
Sen. Mike Wheat (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Kathleen Ely, Committee Secretary
Krista Lee Evans, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 246, 1/6/2005; SB 142, 1/6/2005;
SB 138, 1/6/2005; SJ 7, 1/6/2005
Executive Action: SB 138, SJ 7

00:01:43

HEARING ON SB 246

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAVE LEWIS (R), SD 42, opened the hearing on **SB 246**, Revise tax incentive financing to facilitate interstate exits.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:03:25 **Janet Kelly, Director, Department of
Administration**

EXHIBIT (nas06a01)

00:05:55 **Jeff Brandt, Acting Chief Information Officer,
Department of Administration**

EXHIBIT (nas06a02)

00:12:27 **Alex Philp, GCS Research, Missoula,**
00:16:18 **John Arrigo, Department of Environmental Quality**
00:16:39 **Mary Sexton, Montana Association of County
Officials, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation**
00:18:41 **Dolores Cooney, Department of Revenue**
00:19:37 **Chris Smith, Department of Fish, Wildlife and
Parks**

EXHIBIT (nas06a03)

00:21:23 **Glenn Gormeley, Montana Technology Association**
00:22:09 **Linda Stoll, Montana Association of Planners**
00:22:48 **John Wilson, Trout Unlimited**
00:23:44 **Peggy Trenk, Montana Association of Realtors**
00:24:21 **Jeff Key, Immediate Past President of the American
Society of Civil Engineering**
00:26:53 **Chris Laity, HKM Engineering**
00:26:41 **Mark Baker, Anderson and Baker, Plum Creek Timber
Company**
00:27:38 **Jim Hill, Administrator Digital Library, Natural
Resources Division**
00:28:29 **REP. JOHN SESSO, HD 76**
00:29:11 **Mike Pichette, Northwestern Energy**

Opponents' Testimony:

00:30:27 Robert Sewell, Montana Land Title Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a04)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a05)

00:33:51 Russ Gowen, Vice-President, Helena Abstract and
Title

00:34:37 Stuart Doggett, Land Title Association

00:37:53 Steve Turkiewicz, Montana Bankers Association

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a06)

Informational Testimony:

00:38:37 Dr. Catherine Maynard

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a07)

00:39:41

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:56:16

Closing by Sponsor:

00:59:22

HEARING ON SB 142

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. BILL TASH (R), SD 36, opened the hearing on SB 142,
Authorize leasing and licencing of state lands for timber and
forestry purposes.

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a08)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:05:41 Tom Schultz, Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation

01:07:37 Bobby D. Andreozzi, Andreozzi Forestry Consulting
LLC, National Carbon Offset

01:10:43 Kathy Braemer, Office of Public Instruction

01:13:21 Bud Clinch, Montana Coal Council

Opponents' Testimony:

01:15:49 Steve Kelly, Friends of the Wild Swan
01:22:28 Michael Garrity, Alliance for the Wild Rockies
01:23:17 Janet Ellis, National Audubon Society
01:27:01 Ann Hedges, Montana Environmental Information
 Center

Informational Testimony: None.

01:32:08

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:50:55

Closing by Sponsor:

01:54:23

HEARING ON SB 138

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on **SB 138**,
Eliminate temporary attachment of Flathead Basin Commission to
DNRC.

Proponents' Testimony:

01:59:27 Jack Stults, Department of Natural Resources and
 Conservation
02:03:45 Rich Moy, Chairman, Flathead Basin Commission
02:05:41 Julie DalSoglio, Environmental Protection Agency
02:08:39 Steve Thompson, Flathead Coalition
02:09:56 Frank Rutherford, landowner, Lake Mary Ronan
 Coalition

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

02:12:35

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:13:59

Closing by Sponsor:

02:15:16

HEARING ON SJ 7

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. DAN WEINBERG (D), SD 2, opened the hearing on SJ 7, Urge comprehensive binational assessment of Flathead-Kootenai watersheds.

Proponents' Testimony:

02:15:44 Steve Thompson, Flathead Coalition

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a09)

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a10)

02:20:27 Rich Moy, Chairman, Flathead Basin Commission

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a11)

02:21:39 Janet Ellis, Montana Audubon Society

Opponents' Testimony: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

02:21:59

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

[EXHIBIT](#)(nas06a12)

02:22:06

Closing by Sponsor:

02:23:23

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 138

Motion/Vote: SEN. TOOLE moved that SB 138 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

02:24:34

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SJ 7

Motion/Vote: SEN. LIND moved that SJ 7 DO PASS. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:26 P.M.

SEN. GLENN ROUSH, Chairman

KATHLEEN ELY, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas06aad0.TIF](#))